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Division of Student Support & Innovation
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Early Childhood Education News

A Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education with Teacher Licensure

The demand for highly qualified early childhood educators is increasing, as more public and private districts are recognizing the value of early childhood education. At the University of Mary, you can obtain a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education to help meet the increasing demand.

- All courses may be taken online, combined with local practicum experience.
- Work at a pace convenient for you, your family and your work life.
- Program completion results in teacher licensure through the ND Education Standards and Practices Board for Birth through Grade 3.
- Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Child Development or Early Childhood Education to be eligible.

Contact Jennifer Barry at (701) 355-8372 or Janet Bassingthwaite (701) 355-8332 for more information.

Early Childhood Grant Reminders!

If you were approved for the Early Childhood Continuing Education Grant, please submit:

- Signed grant award
- W-9
- Official transcript or copy of your official transcript
- Copy of course and fee statement from the college or university

If you were approved for the Early Childhood Environment Grant, please submit:

- Signed grant award
- Request for funds [SFN 14660](#)
- Receipts or accounting ledger demonstrating the funds have been appropriately spent

Please send all documents to [Angie Thomas](#). Once we receive these items for each grant, we can process payments.

Noteworthy News



Tiny Turtles Preschool in Belcourt, ND, received the National School Choice Leadership Award for 2016. This award was received in recognition of their dedication toward providing all children with access to effective education options and for participation in the National School Choice Week 2016. Congratulations Tiny Turtles Preschool on a job well done!

2016 Early Childhood Education Spring Conference

The conference was held April 14, 2016, with over 200 attendees. Keynote speakers Howard Glasser and Rae Pica addressed the group; in addition several presenters addressed participants through breakout sessions. The feedback was very positive and provided valuable recommendations for next year's conference. The goal of the conference is to provide beneficial information, create an environment for collaboration, and empower those in the early childhood field. In an effort to make next year's event even better, we've decided to make it a two-day conference. The venue is booked, so mark your calendars for March 23-24, 2017!



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Glenburn's new preschool room



Howard Glasser, the creator of the Nurtured Heart Approach, is offering a special discount for those in the early childhood field who want to obtain certification in the Nurtured Heart Approach. The training will be July 24-29, 2016, in Fargo, ND. The first ten people who register will receive:

- \$200 discount off the regular training price
- The Explorer Course - an online class available 24/7 at no charge. This course meets the prerequisite that CTI attendees be familiar with the Approach. This is an additional value of \$79. No CE's will be available for the Explorer Course.

Registration deadline is June 15, 2016, to receive these special discounts. If you're interested, please contact [Jean Hollowell](#) to register.

More information is located at the [Nurtured Heart Approach Certification Training Intensive](#).

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Glenburn's New Preschool Room!

Glenburn updated their preschool room in December using the NDDPI's Early Childhood Environment Grant funds. Jerry Erdahl, superintendent of Glenburn Public School, said "The students love their new room and it makes them feel really special." He added, "This has been a wonderful opportunity for the younger students and the community." If you have any questions regarding the Environment Grant, please contact [Tara Bitz](#) at (701) 328-4646 or [Angie Thomas](#) at (701) 328-2317.

*Every child is a different kind
of flower and all together
make this world a beautiful
garden.*



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